

MACKENSEN CAPTURES  
CERNAVODA, DANUBE  
GATE TO BUCHAREST

POPP MARKS  
WEDDING AT  
DRAPER HOME

POSCHL KILLED WEEKS  
AGO, BUT BURNED ONLY  
RECENTLY, IS THEORY

RUSS AND ROUMANIAN  
ARMIES MAY BE  
TRAPPED

Whole Dobrudja Railroad Now  
in Hands of Invaders, Who  
Sweep North.

VULKAN PASS ALSO LOST  
Falkenhayn's Austro-German  
Forces Win New Victory on  
Transylvania Front.

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—"On the  
northeast front of Verdun, a  
French attack as far as the  
burning Fort Douaumont gained  
ground," the war office  
announced this afternoon. "The  
fighting continues."

BERLIN (via wireless to Say-  
ville, L. I.), Oct. 25.—Cernavoda,  
eastern terminus of the great four-  
teen-mile railway bridge crossing  
the Danube into old Roumania, was  
captured by Field Marshal Macken-  
sen's army this morning, it was of-  
ficially announced today.

The victory is regarded as of  
vastly more importance than the  
capture of the seaport of Con-  
stanza three days ago.

Full details have not been re-  
ceived here, the war office an-  
nounced, but it is believed that  
considerable Russian and Rou-  
manian troops have been trapped  
east of the Danube, in Dobrudja,  
and are in a very perilous position.

On the Transylvanian frontier,  
Falkenhayn's Austro-German ar-  
mies have won another great victory,  
capturing the famous Vulkan pass.

RUSSIA ADMITS LOSSES.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 25.—Russian  
armies have abandoned their  
positions at Cernavoda, the eastern end  
of the great railway bridge leading into  
old Roumania, under Mackensen's at-  
tacks, it was officially admitted to-  
day.

The Tassava Lake positions have also  
been surrendered to the enemy, whose  
heavy attacks continue on the whole  
Dobrudja front. The Russian-Rou-  
manian, realising Mackensen's pressure,  
are retreating northward.

BUCHAREST, Oct. 25.—The war office  
admitted today that Roumanian troops  
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Newport News Co.  
Is Lowest Bidder

Underbids Three Competitors On  
the Construction of Four  
U. S. Battleships.

The Newport News Shipbuilding and  
Drydock Company was the lowest of  
four bidders in bids opened today by  
the Navy Department on four battle-  
ships. Its bid on one electric-driven  
battleship was \$10,670,000 and on two  
electric-driven battleships, \$10,375,000  
each. On steam-driven battleships it  
bid \$10,900,000 for one and \$10,990,000  
each for two.

The one battleship is to be completed  
in thirty-nine months, and where two  
are bid for the second is to be completed  
in forty-five months.

Conditional figures of the Fore  
River Company were lower, but they  
depended on a provision that the bids  
be increased or decreased according  
as the price of labor and material rose  
or fell. The company proposed that  
the Federal Trade Commission adju-  
dicate claims which would arise under  
this proposal. Under the first bid,  
such as the others made, the Fore  
River Company bid \$10,875,000 for  
electric driven, and \$11,475,000 for  
steam driven battleships.

The Bath Iron Works of Bath, Me.,  
presented the lowest bid for four  
battleships, \$11,185,000 each for two, and \$11,180,-  
000 each for three, was the only one  
presented in the class in which the  
machinery was to be of the company's  
design. The Fore River company  
presented the lowest bid for four  
ships with machinery designed by the  
Navy Department, its bid being  
\$11,175,000 each.

Quadruplets Born.

LEAF, Miss, Oct. 25.—Mr. and Mrs.  
L. F. Reichle, the parents of healthy  
quadruplets, born last night.

HOW HUGHES REPLIES TO  
DEMOCRATS' CHARGES

"It is hardly necessary to say that if I am elected we  
shall have an exclusively American policy in the service of  
American interests. We have no secret understandings, no  
unstated purposes. If any one expects in case of my elec-  
tion that American rights or interests will be subordinated  
to any ulterior purpose or to the policy of any foreign power  
he is doomed to disappointment."—Extract from Charles  
Evans Hughes' speech at Astoria, Long Island, last night.

MORE BAKERS RAISE  
THEIR PRICES HERE;  
FLOUR GOES UP, TOO

Nine Establishments Follow  
Lead of Corby Company in  
Making Bread 6 Cents.

Six cents will prevail as the price of  
a loaf of bread in Washington within  
the next week.

Following the lead taken yesterday by  
Corby & Co., nine establishments let  
it be known today that they have de-  
cided on a similar advance, or are con-  
sidering doing so. These concerns are:  
The Boston Bakery, Holtschneider,  
the Beck Bakery, the General Baking  
Company, Haverhill Baking Company,  
Holmes & Son, the New Home Bakery,  
the White Cross Bakery, and John G.  
Meiberg.

In every instance the reason given  
for the contemplated increase in re-  
tail prices is the soaring prices of  
bread-making materials, principally  
flour. Practically all the local bak-  
eries agree where the advance of 6  
cents may be succeeded by still fur-  
ther increases unless the prices on  
raw materials break. Several of them  
who have not definitely decided on  
the extent of the immediate increase  
are considering the advisability of  
raising 7 cents a loaf as the re-  
tail price.

**Flour Price Increased.**  
The wholesale price of flour to local  
traders was advanced 25 cents per  
bushel this morning to \$11.05, which  
puts the retail price at approximately \$12.  
Deniers say the high figure has not  
yet been reached, and one feed and  
four merchant predicted that before  
the new crop of wheat is harvested the  
price will go into effect between Thursday  
of this week and Monday of next.

"It is simply a case of necessity,"  
said S. M. Gleason, manager of the  
Boston Bakery and the General Baking  
Company. "For months now we have  
been doing nothing more than making  
change. Profits have simply been  
eliminated. It is impossible for us to  
go on at the present rate and escape  
bankruptcy. It is going to be, and  
nobody knows. The prices on wheat,  
flour, and all other ingredients have  
gone wild. And it simply means that  
unless there is a let-up the advance in  
prices now contemplated is only pre-  
liminary."

At the baking establishment of  
Holmes & Son it was declared that  
while no definite decision has been  
reached as to the extent of the ad-  
vance in price to be fixed by that con-  
cern, an increase of 1-cent a loaf would  
by no means meet the situation as far  
as covering the operating costs.

**Rolls To Go Up, Too.**  
All the bakers who have fixed upon a  
6-cent price have likewise decided  
to increase the price of rolls from 10  
cents a dozen to 12 cents.

A member of the firm of E. Gunders-  
heimer & Sons declared that that con-  
cern has not yet made up its mind as  
to the increase.

"Ours," he said, "is an entirely in-  
dependent concern, and whatever ad-  
vance we take, if any, will not be gov-  
erned by what the other bakers have  
decided to do."

In addition to the establishments  
whose names appear above, it is un-  
derstood that the Berens Bakery,  
Dorach Brothers, and the Charles  
Schneider Baking Company are con-  
templating a raise in prices, although  
this could not be verified today.

Navy Yard Men to  
Protest Tonight

Columbia Lodge of Machinists Ob-  
ject to Taylor Efficiency  
System.

Fearing the inauguration in the  
Washington Navy Yard of the Taylor  
efficiency system, which has been ob-  
jected to by employees of the Govern-  
ment arsenal, Columbia Lodge No. 174,  
of the International Association of  
Machinists, will meet this evening at  
Naval Lodge Hall to try to keep the  
system out.

The machinists of the navy yard and  
their colleagues elsewhere in the city  
are concerned lest the public get a  
wrong understanding of the system,  
and they will take steps to give their  
side of it.

President N. P. Alfara, of District  
No. 4, International Association of  
Machinists, today criticised the Taylor  
system, saying that some newspapers  
voicing the system were misinformed.

Cotton Now Highest  
Since the Civil War

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—For the first  
time since the civil war cotton crossed  
30 cents a pound today. July cotton  
sold at 19.98, up 15, soon after the cotton  
exchange opened. Gains of 1 to 24 points  
were made during the first fifteen  
minutes.

May options sold at 20.01 up 22 points  
before 10:30. The cotton ginning report  
was a bull factor in the advance.

The 30-cent mark was reached after  
several days of steady advances, which  
covered an excited market yesterday,  
when cotton shot forward 3 1/2 a bale and  
again this morning when early gains  
were more than \$1 on the bale.

Covering by shorts who had sold on  
belief that the crest would be reached  
before cotton sold at 30 cents contrib-  
uted to the advance. Government gin-  
ning figures were half a million bales  
below private figures and this brought  
heavy buying into the market.

Distinguished Company Present  
When Prince Boncompagni  
Marries Miss Draper.  
NUPTIAL MASS SOLEMNIZED

The marriage of Miss Margaret  
Preston Draper, daughter of Mrs.  
William F. Draper, and Prince An-  
drea Boncompagni, of Rome, was  
solemnized at noon today in the  
famous tapestried ballroom of the  
Draper mansion, in K street.

The wedding ceremony, which  
was marked by great solemnity  
and beauty, was celebrated in ac-  
cordance with the full ritual of  
the Roman Catholic Church, and is  
remarkable in the social annals  
of Washington, as it is one of the  
few times a nuptial mass has been  
solemnized in the United States  
outside of a Catholic Church.

The unusual privilege of having  
mass said in a private house is one  
of the favors bestowed by the  
Church of Rome on Boncompagni-  
Ludovici family, which has given  
two Pontiffs and numerous distin-  
guished prelates to the church.

**CARDINAL OFFICIATES.**  
His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, an  
old friend of Mrs. Draper and of the  
Prince's family, conducted the mar-  
riage services; Monsignor Russell, re-  
ctor of St. Patrick's Church, who of-  
ficiated when Miss Draper was re-  
ceived into the Catholic Church a few days  
ago, and the celebrant, and in de-  
ference to the esteem in which the  
Prince's family is held by churchmen  
a number of distinguished prelates as-  
sisted in the ceremony, among them  
Bishop O'Connell and Father Egan.

Interest in the marriage of Miss  
Draper and Prince Andrea Boncompagni  
has been widespread both in this coun-  
try and abroad. A daughter of the late  
Secretary Lane, now moving north from  
Congress from Massachusetts and am-  
bassador to Italy under President Mc-  
Kinley, the bride bears the Preston  
name, which stands high in Ameri-  
can history. Handsome, dignified, cul-  
tivated, and accomplished, and bearing  
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BROWNLOW OUT FOR  
HALF-HOLIDAY PLAN

District Government Expected  
to Follow Suit If U. S.  
Adopts System.

Commissioner Brownlow today de-  
clared himself in favor of the Saturday  
half-holiday for Government employees.  
While the question will not be acted  
upon until the return of Commissioner  
Newman it is probable that in the  
event of an order establishing the Sat-  
urday half-holiday in the Federal ter-  
ritory department today. One dealer holds  
the District Government will follow suit.

Commissioner Newman is expected to  
return this week, ten days. "I  
believe in the Saturday half-holiday as  
tending to increase the efficiency of the  
work," said Commissioner Brownlow  
today. "It is my opinion that the  
force of the District Government would  
in no way suffer by such an order.  
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volutionary battles will again be staged  
in Chihuahua, adjacent to American ter-  
ritory, is known."

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ranza is sending 12,000 troops north to  
engage Villistas in Chihuahua. Car-  
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Wheat Climbs Toward  
The Two-Dollar Mark

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—Wheat climbed  
toward the predicted \$2 mark today.  
December wheat jumped 5 1/2 cents to  
\$1.84 1/2, passing by 1/4 of a cent the  
high mark set during the famous  
Lester corner in 1898.

Brokers were being made while  
high mark set during the famous  
Lester corner in 1898.

There has been only during some of  
the historic corner. One dealer holds  
a million bushels, bought at \$1.06.

J. E. Melton Falls Into  
Pit, Injuring His Back

John E. Melton, vice president of  
the East Washington Heights Traction  
Railroad Company, suffered injuries to  
his back when he fell into a pit near  
a barn, which was being torn down at  
Minnesota and Pennsylvania avenues  
southeast today.

He was taken to his home, 248 T  
street southeast, in an automobile of  
Col. A. E. Randle.

The accident was caused by the  
breaking of a board on which he was  
standing.

WILSON ON LAST SWING  
INTO MIDDLE WEST

LONG BRANCH, Oct. 25.—President Wilson left to-  
day for Cincinnati on his final swing into the middle West  
before election. His train will pass through West Virginia  
and Ohio, and he will continue his practice of greeting  
crowds, but will make no political speeches.

He is scheduled for four speeches—one answering an  
address of welcome, another at luncheon, a third at dinner,  
and, last, a night address. Wilson is expected to devote  
considerable time to the hyphen issue.

CARRANZA, HIS BACK  
TO WALL, FIGHTING  
TO RETAIN POWER

War Department Interprets  
Campaign Against Villa as  
Last-Ditch Effort.

EL PASO, Oct. 25.—The main  
body of Villistas are voluntarily  
retiring today in the direction of  
San Isidro, west of Chihuahua  
City, pursued by Mexican de-  
facto troops, according to re-  
ports made to United States  
authorities by refugees arriving  
here today.

Carranza has launched a last ditch  
fight, the outcome of which will de-  
termine whether he can retain power, or  
whether he will be forced to follow his  
long list of predecessors in fleeing the  
country.

This was the interpretation placed to-  
day on official reports to the War De-  
partment of the launching of a final  
campaign by Carranza against the Villa  
revolutionists in northern Mexico.

Following Carranza's action in send-  
ing his wife and family, with Mrs.  
Patricia, wife of his secretary of war,  
and Mrs. Trevino, wife of his military  
chief in Chihuahua, into the United  
States, this new military movement  
took on a serious aspect.

**Situation Serious.**  
Another indication of the serious-  
ness of the situation Carranza faces  
was the action of the provisional presi-  
dent in having Mexico City for Que-  
retaro, in company with General Obregon,  
leaving General Gonzalez in Mexi-  
co City to grapple with the Zapatistas,  
again reported to be menacing the cap-  
ital, and with Felix Diaz's adherents,  
who are reported to have entered the  
Federal district of Mexico, in which  
Mexico City is located.

The War Department issued the fol-  
lowing official statement regarding  
Carranza's new troop movement:

"General Pershing reports that Car-  
ranza officials state that a de facto  
column of troops is moving north from  
against Villa. Nothing definite  
as regards the recent action between  
de facto troops and Villistas at Santa  
Ysabel is known."

Dispatches from San Antonio state  
that General Pershing has received  
from General Pershing confirmation of  
the decisive defeat of Carranza forces  
under General Ojuna by Vill's re-  
volutionists near Chihuahua. Pershing  
is reported as adding that Villa is virtual  
master of the situation in Chihuahua.

**No Talk of Withdrawal.**  
Other border reports state that Car-  
ranza is sending 12,000 troops north to  
engage Villistas in Chihuahua. Car-  
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Order Is Restored  
Is Santo Domingo

Additional Reports of Clash in  
Which Americans Lost Lives  
Awaited.

Additional reports of the engagement  
outside of Santo Domingo City yester-  
day, in which two American army of-  
ficers are reported to have lost their  
lives, were awaited at the Navy Depart-  
ment today.

Early dispatches reported the fight  
resulted from an attempt of the Ameri-  
can commander to arrest Gen. Ramon  
Batisti, a rebel leader, and ordered his  
men to fire on the American forces. In  
addition to the death of the two officers,  
whose names are given as Capt. William  
Low and Captain Atwood, Lieut. Victor  
J. Morrison was reported wounded and  
General Batisti killed.

The rebels were defeated after a short  
skirmish. A near panic occurred in the  
city, but marine reinforcements suc-  
ceeded in maintaining order.

Steal Auto, Leave Dime.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—Burglars who  
stole Frank D. Chase's automobile left  
a note and 10 cents in the garage.  
"Here's the cost of the window we had  
to break to get in," the note read.

CORONER'S JURY HEAD  
HOLDS TO BELIEF  
IN FOUL PLAY

Other Investigators, However,  
Think Prince George's Man  
Killed Himself.

CHARRED BODY IS BURIED

Funeral Held While Authorities  
Continue Inquiry Into Baf-  
fling Murder Mystery.

That Frank Poschl, whose char-  
red bones were found on the ashes  
of a fire in the woods near Forest-  
ville, Md., Sunday, was murdered  
shortly after his disappearance, Au-  
gust 20, but that his body was  
burned only recently is the theory  
upon which authorities of Prince  
George's county are working today.

George E. Dove, foreman of the  
coroner's jury that gave a verdict  
Monday that Poschl came to his  
death by a "cause unknown," holds  
to the belief that Poschl met with  
foul play.

SUICIDE THEORY.

Other members of the jury assert  
they believe Poschl committed suicide  
by building the fire in the woods and  
throwing himself on it.

State Attorney Marvin S. Peach to-  
day announced Sheriff Harry D. Gates  
is working on several clues, and that  
the sheriff and his deputy, Wesley  
Bell, are expected to make a report  
in a day or two.

While the authorities were working  
upon the slender clues to the mystery  
today, and persons in the neighbor-  
hood were still gathered in groups  
discussing the most baffling case in  
the county in years, the short funeral  
train of Poschl passed through the  
village of Forestville on its way to  
the Catholic Church.

The charred bones, the charred bones,  
and behind it was one carrying with  
him the family of William Sommer, with  
whom Poschl lived, and another with  
Mrs. Annie Gibbs, sister of Mrs. Som-  
mer and of Poschl.

**Admit Estrangement.**  
Both sisters frankly stated today  
there had been an estrangement be-  
tween the families, dating back to  
the time before Poschl went to a man-  
sion in Baltimore three years ago,  
and there was a dispute about the  
disposal of his little eight-acre farm,  
on which he had been living recently  
with his wife, Mrs. Sommer.

Both families attended the fun-  
eral, but gave no sign of recog-  
nizing each other.

The theory that Poschl was killed  
shortly after his disappearance August  
20, and that his body was cremated only  
recently in an effort to conceal the  
crime, is based on the appearance of the  
charred bones, the bones, the hat  
and the penknife of Poschl were found.  
Several of the jurymen point to this  
possibility and Frank Gibbs, Poschl's  
nephew, advanced the theory.

It was pointed out that the ashes were  
coal black, instead of gray as they prob-  
ably would have been if the fire had  
been in August, and that there were no  
fallen leaves over the debris, as there  
would have been had it been there for  
some weeks, because trees surround the  
funeral pits.

**Labored Under Delusion.**  
Louis Vessels, one of the jurymen  
who holds to the suicide theory, and  
those who agree with him, point to the  
evidence that Poschl labored under a  
delusion that he had committed an un-  
pardonable sin.

His wife died about three years ago.  
They had no children. It was said that  
even before his wife's death Poschl was  
in this delusion, believing that the chil-  
less marriage was the result of some  
sin he had committed.

When his wife died Poschl suffered a  
nervous collapse. He dwelt more and  
more upon the supposed offense, and  
urged that his wife's death was an  
added punishment for it. Then he was  
taken to a sanitarium in Baltimore.

Poschl's grandfather, a wealthy Bal-  
timorean, and in a few months he was  
brought back home. After that, his  
neighbors say, he never entered any-  
one's home, and avoided talking with  
anyone. When he was working about  
lawns and gardens of persons in the  
neighborhood, neighbors say, he would  
refuse to go in and eat with the fam-  
ilies, saying:

**Thought Self "Not Worthy."**  
"I have committed a great sin. I  
am not worthy to mix with righteous  
people."

It was just before Poschl went to  
a sanitarium in Baltimore, Mrs. Gibbs,  
his sister, said, that the trouble be-  
tween her and Mrs. Sommer developed.  
She said the Sommer advised him to  
sell his property, and that she urged  
him to retain it, claiming he was not  
sane, and could not legally  
make such a sale.

When Poschl returned he elected to  
live with Mrs. Sommer, and this is  
said to have widened the breach be-  
tween the families. He invited Mr. and  
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